

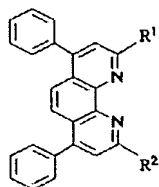
## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

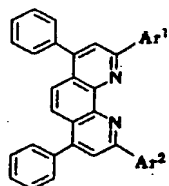
According to an aspect of the invention, there is provided a bathophenanthroline compound of the following general formula [I] or [II]

General Formula [I]

Formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> may be the same or different and independently represent hydrocarbon group provided that at least one of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> has at least two carbons, or  
General Formula [II]:

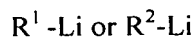


wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> may be the same or different and independently represent an aryl group. The hydrocarbon group may be linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated, or substituted or unsubstituted. Further, the aryl group may also be substituted or unsubstituted.

Please replace the paragraph abridging pages 11-12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to another aspect of the invention, there is also provided a process for preparing a bathophenanthroline compound comprising subjecting a lithium compound of the following general formula (III) or (V)

General Formula (III):

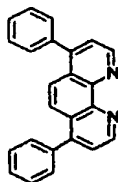


wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  may be the same or different and independently represent a hydrocarbon group provided that at least one of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ -has at least two carbon atoms, or  
General Formula (V):

$Ar^1-Li$  or  $Ar^2-Li$

wherein  $Ar^1$  and  $Ar^2$  may be the same or different and independently represent an aryl group, and bathophenanthroline of the following structural formula (IV)

Structural Formula (IV):



to nucleophilic substitution reaction to obtain a bathophenanthroline compound of the afore-indicated formula (I) or (II). The hydrocarbon group may be linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated, or substituted or unsubstituted. Further, the aryl group may also be substituted or unsubstituted.